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1. DESPITE NOTIFICATION REPORTED REF D, EMBASSY
ONCE AGAIN REMINDED GOV THRU TWO CONDUITS OF APPROACHING
DATE (MARCH 1) OF US ENFORCEMENT OF 200 MILE FISHERY
ZONE AS REQUESTED. EMBOFF APPROACH DR. LUIS RIVAS, DIRECTOR
OF THE GOV FUNDED FUNDACION LA SALLE DE CIENCIAS NATURALES
ON FEB 24. DR. RIVAS SAID THAT GOV WELL AWARE OF MARCH 1
AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE. ON FEB 28 LOS OFFICER TOOK
ADVANTAGE OF CALL ON HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL
POLICY DIVISION, AMBASSADOR NAVA CARILLO, TO ALSO REMIND
FOREIGN MINISTRY OF MARCH 1 DATE AND TO
SUGGEST THAT VENEZUELAN FLAG VESSELS NOT ATTEMPT TO FISH IN
THAT ZONE AFTER THAT DATE.

2. AMBASSADOR NAVA REPLIED THAT GOV AWARE OF MARCH 1 DATE
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AND HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER AT SOME LENGTH. HE SAID
THAT THERE ARE TWO VESSELS CONNECTED WITH THE FUNDACION LA
SALLE WHICH THE GOV WANTS TO SEE CONTINUE FISHING FOR SQUID
AND OCTOPUS FISHING WITHIN US 200 MILE FISHERY ZONE. HE
ADDED THAT WHILE TWO VESSELS ARE OPERATED BY A COMPANY
ORGANIZED AS A COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION, THE PRINCIPAL
OBJECTIVE OF OPERATING THEM IS TO TRAIN YOUNG VENEZUELANS

IN FISHING. HE STATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS AT THAT MOMENT PREPARING A FULL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE TWO VESSELS IN ORDER TO APPROACH THE DEPT WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A FORMULA FOR THEIR CONTINUED FISHING WITHIN US FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE. HE SAID PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THESE TWO VESSELS AND THAT THEIR OPERATION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE CABINET.

3. CHARGE AND LOS OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE UNDER A GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHER AGREEMENT AND THAT DEPT HAD ADVISED EMBASSY THAT PROSPECTS FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA VERY POOR. EMBASSY LOS OFFICER MADE POINTS IN PARAS 4 OF REFS B AND C. IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR NAVA'S INSISTENCE THAT GOV WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THIS WITH DEPT, LOS OFFICER RECOMMENDED FOREIGN MINISTRY URGE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH VENEZUELAN DESK AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE DEPT CONCERNED WITH FISHERIES.

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT NAVA MENTIONED INTEREST OF PRESIDENT AND CABINET IN CONTINUED OPERATION OF THESE TWO VESSELS OFF US COAST SUGGESTS WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE LAST OF THIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, RIVAS OF FUNDACION LA SALLE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT, AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, BOTH VESSELS ARE NOT FISHING FOR OCTOPUS AND SQUID OFF COAST OF VENEZUELA. ASENCIO

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